

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
VS.	§	MAGISTRATE NO. C-12-70-1
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MICHAEL THOMAS CLIFT	§	

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

A detention hearing has been held in accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). The following requires detention of the defendant pending trial in this case:

(1) There is probable cause to believe the defendant committed an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2); and

(2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

The evidence against the defendant is substantial. The defendant admitted sending and receiving the e-mails which contained child pornography. The findings and conclusions contained in the Pretrial Services Report are adopted, supplemented by the testimony of the case agent, defendant's mother, Mrs. Tate, and the defendant's friend Michael Kirpatrick. No evidence was produced to demonstrate that the defendant could be safely kept away from young children. The defendant was in possession of handcuffs consistent with his fantasies of bondage and child kidnapping. The defendant had taken

and sent to another child pornographer photographs of young children clad in swimsuits.

The defendant is committed to the custody of the United States Marshal or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

ORDERED this 24th day of January, 2012.


B. JANICE ELLINGTON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE